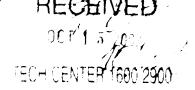




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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed on May 9, 2002.

A check in the amount of \$400.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for the two-month extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with the filing submitted herewith or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-0370. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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